

THREE MEN KILLED BY OIL EXPLOSION.

Drawing Oil from a Tank to Sprinkle Track When it Took Fire.

New York, Sept. 27.—Twenty thousand gallons of crude oil stored in a tank in the Borough of the Bronx exploded with terrific force while three men were drawing oil from it early today, killing the men almost instantly. The dead are James Cooper, of Unionport, James Reilly, of Westchester, and Richard Smith, of Van Nest, all of which villages are in Westchester county. Cooper was employed by the officials of the Morris Park race track to sprinkle the track with oil in preparation for an automobile race. Reilly and Smith were his assistants. Early today they went to the tank, which belonged to the Bronx Gas and Electric Light Company, in

Proctorville, and began to fill a sprinkling cart with the oil. Reilly and Smith were sent to the top of the tank, while Cooper remained by the wagon. It is supposed that a lantern carried by one of the men ignited some loose oil under the tank. The explosion which followed tore off the top of the tank and sent it flying into the yard of the Catholic Protectors near by, alarming the fifteen boys therein, and shattering many of the windows of the Protectors. Policemen who were near by found Cooper lying near the blazing tank with his clothing afire. He died in a few minutes. One body, believed to be that of Reilly, was found badly burned in a swamp a hundred feet from the tank, and another, believed to be that of Richard Smith, was found in the tank after it had been flooded with water.

DR. FALCONER INSTALLED.

A BRILLIANT FUNCTION HELD AT TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

Many Degrees Were Conferred—Sir Wilfrid Laurier Refers to Catholicity of Spirit Manifested by the University of Toronto.

A Toronto despatch: The attendance and sympathetic spirit displayed at the formal installation yesterday afternoon of Mr. E. A. Falconer as President of the University of Toronto was the best possible concrete evidence of the approval previously expressed through the press and other mediums of the choice made by the Board of Governors. The ceremony took place in Convocation Hall, which was well filled, the gathering, indeed, being as brilliantly representative of the religious, educational, professional and business life of the country as one could ever hope to see assembled in any specified place. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, his Honor Sir William Mortimer Clark, Premier Whitney, as well as a number of other dignitaries, were present in connection with the afternoon's proceedings, were among the scores of prominent men on the platform. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Chancellor of the University, was in the chair. The address of the afternoon was that of the new President, who devoted himself chiefly to a discussion of the function of the university in the State and the duty of the State to the university. It was a well-considered and admirably sustained effort in every portion, delivered with an incisiveness and clearness which carried with them conviction, and in so distinct a tone—aided by the fine acoustic properties of the hall—that not a word was lost by the large audience. Last night he appreciated it that shown by their keenness in noting its telling points and their acknowledgments thereof by frequent spontaneous and quite hearty applause, culminating at the close of the address in an ovation.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Mr. W. J. Nediger, of Clinton, Caught in a Pulley and Clothing Torn Off.

Clinton, Sept. 27.—W. J. Nediger, of the Clinton Electric Light Company had a narrow escape from death yesterday. He was working about the machinery, when his overalls caught on a rapidly-revolving pulley, and an instant later he was hurled through the air and stopped the machinery.

LIGHTNING HATCHED CHICKENS.

Killed Sitting Hen and Broke Open the Shells.

Winsted, Conn., Sept. 27.—L. S. Eddy of West Avon, has two lightning-hatched chickens. During a severe electrical storm which raged over that place last night Mr. Eddy and his family were at the supper table. A vivid flash and a report like a pistol shot struck all to their feet. Miss Emma felt a shock.

TAG DAY AT BRANTFORD.

How Money Was Raised for the Nurses' Home.

A Brantford despatch: This was tag day at Brantford. Sixty society ladies, representatives of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary, were quartered in various public places. Each had a Red Cross box, and every contributor who put a coin in the receptacle gave a Red Cross tag. The contributions, which are not yet summed up, will be applied to the building fund of the proposed new nurses' home. A movement has been launched here for the formation of a Canadian Club.

ARSON CHARGE FELL THROUGH.

Nothing Proved Against Bolton Man, Whose Home Was Burned.

Brampton, Ont., despatch: A serious charge was investigated here today. Thomas Tutt, a young shoemaker, living in Bolton, appearing before Judge McGibbon on a charge of arson. Tutt's house, which he rented in that village, was burned one night in July, 1900, together with the whole of his furniture, which he had insured some weeks previously. The claim was not paid by the company, who ordered an investigation, and the young man was arrested.

WHERE ARE THE CREW?

Sailboat Found on the Beach at Whitehead, Man.

Winnipeg Beach, Sept. 27.—Word was received here today that a small two-masted sailing boat was found on the beach about a mile and a half south of Whitehead, on Tuesday morning, with both sails set. Mrs. Taylor, a lady who lives at Whitehead, claims to have seen a sail boat half a mile out on Monday; and, as near as she could tell, it contained three persons. While watching the boat something appeared to go wrong with the sails, apparently causing the boat to capsize, as it was lost sight of.

BOOZING WOMEN

Found by a Chicago Preacher in Downtown Restaurants.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Rev. Frederick E. Hopkins, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, went home last night, both convinced and "tuckered out." All afternoon he had led a party of several men on a tour through many of the leading downtown restaurants, obtaining statistics on what he terms "boozing women." The preacher placed in the balance his position on the question as against that of his critics, who declared he is wrong. Following are the net results: Women seen in restaurants, 463; number of women drinking liquor, 269; number not drinking, 194.

SAVING A LIFE.

Bravery Was Recognized.

Toronto Boy Honored With Humane Society's Medal.

NO ABROGATION OF TREATY.

Manufacturers Urge Government to Go Slowly.

More Protection Demanded for Woolen Industry—Close of Manufacturers' Association Convention.

Toronto despatch: One of the last and most significant acts of the convention of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, which closed yesterday afternoon, was to place itself on record as opposed to any precipitate action in regard to the Asiatic problem in British Columbia, which might result in the abrogation of the treaty between Great Britain and Japan. The pronouncement took the form of a resolution, which declared that the treaty had already done a great deal towards the development of trade with Japan, and that its abrogation would be disastrous not only to the existing trade, but to the hope of future extended relations, and urged upon the Government the desirability of taking no hurried action. The wisdom of the resolution was questioned by one or two members, one of whom characterized it as dangerous, but outspoken speeches in its support were delivered by Mr. W. K. George and Mr. W. Robins, and it was carried by an immense majority. Mr. Robins claimed that the interests of the mother country and her relations with Japan should stand above Provincial or petty trade interests. Another resolution was passed in favor of immediate steps being taken to urge the Government to afford higher protection to the woolen industry. Officers were elected as follows: President, Hon. J. D. Rolland. Montreal; Vice-President, John Henry, Vancouver; Ontario Vice-President, R. Holton, Hamilton; Quebec Vice-President, D. L. McMillan, Montreal; Treasurer, Geo. Booth, Toronto; Secretary, G. M. Murray.

A FURTHER CUT IN RATES.

Shipping Trust Meets the Challenge of Canadian Lines.

Montreal, Sept. 30.—Further important developments took place today on the ocean rate war. The Canadian lines, a few days ago, threw down the gauntlet in rates. The gauntlet had been taken up by the American lines, which today not only made a further cut in cabin rates, but cut down their second class rates.

CONSPIRACY IN CUBA.

Three Generals Arrested for Plotting Against Public Order.

Havana, Sept. 30.—The secret police today arrested Generals Maso Parra, Juan Ducaes and Lora Mirra, charged with conspiring against public order. It is known that simultaneously with the arrival of Parra here, three Santo Domingans well known for their previous revolutionary activities, also reached this port, and it is stated that other similar individuals are working in eastern Cuba.

YOUNG WOMAN STABBED.

She is Now in Red Cross Hospital at Halleybury.

Cobalt, Sept. 30.—A serious quarrel occurred in a house near Argenteau on Wednesday evening, which resulted in the stabbing of a young woman, who was brought into Cobalt late last night by Chief Calbeck and assistants, and removed to the Red Cross Hospital, where she is resting, nicely, although very weak from loss of blood. The man lies in Cobalt jail, remanded for a week in order that the woman may appear against him.

MADE SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT.

Baldwin Airship Manoeuvred at Halifax Pair Grounds.

Halifax, N. S., despatch: The feature of the Provincial Exhibition grand stand show today was the flight of Baldwin's airship. Just before sundown the breeze died away, and made it possible for Baldwin to set out on his voyage, which was accomplished most successfully. The airship rose gracefully, pointing into the wind, and manoeuvred for several minutes in different directions over the grounds.

OPERATORS ARRANGED.

Men, Held Responsible for Vaudreuil Wreck, Plead Not Guilty.

Montreal, Sept. 30.—Sares Stalet, operator at St. Dominique and Loyal Streets, criminally responsible for the train wreck at Vaudreuil on the 18th inst., through which Albert Robertson lost his life, appeared before Judge Lafontaine today to answer to the charge against them. Both pleaded not guilty and were remanded until next Thursday at 10 o'clock. Bail was granted in each case, persons of bail of \$1,000, with two good bondsmen in \$1,000 apiece.

DIED IN JAIL.

John McTiernan, Arrested in Connection With His Brother's Death.

Ottawa despatch: John McTiernan, who was arrested last month in connection with the death of his brother, Thomas, presumably through violence, died in prison at Bryson, Que., yesterday. The deceased, who seemed to feel his position very keenly, had been in failing health for some weeks, and death was due to natural causes. The two brothers, while coming home from Shawville on Aug. 19, are said to have quarrelled while intoxicated. Thomas McTiernan was found dead on the road next morning.

ANGLO-RUSS PACT.

Text of Agreement Regarding Eastern Frontiers.

Persia Divided Into Spheres of Influence—Russia to Deal With Afghanistan Only Through Britain—Integrity of Tibet Guaranteed.

London, Sept. 30.—The text of the Anglo-Russian convention was made public by the Foreign Office tonight in conformity with an agreement for simultaneous publications in St. Petersburg and London. The time originally fixed for this publication was September 26, but it was found advisable to postpone it by one day. The agreement is divided into three heads—namely, Persia, Afghanistan and Tibet. Concerning Persia, Great Britain undertakes not to seek for herself or support in the interests of her own subjects or those of a third power political or commercial concessions in the districts of Persia, and that neither Britain nor Russia shall abstain from intervention in the internal administration of Tibet, treating with her only through the Chinese Government. The text of the convention is accompanied by a letter from Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, in which it is pointed out that the arrangement respecting Persia is limited to the regions of that country contiguous to the frontiers of Great Britain and Russia in Asia. Continuing, the Foreign Secretary says His Majesty's Government will continue its direct efforts for the preservation of the status quo and the maintenance of British trade on the Persian gulf, but it does not desire to exclude the legitimate trade of any other power.

VICTORIA BRIDGE BLOCKED.

Runaway Mare Gets Her Legs Through the Ties.

Montreal, Sept. 30.—An extraordinary occurrence early this morning held up traffic over Victoria bridge for nearly an hour. Shortly after 7 o'clock a valuable bay mare broke away from the polo grounds at St. Lambert and galloped towards the river. When she reached the bridge she struck the ties, and in a few seconds her legs were wedged through the openings between the ties, thus very effectively stopping further progress. So firmly was she wedged in that the revolutionary tie she had on her feet soon at hand she was not released until the construction crew from Point St. Charles arrived and sawed the ties through. The mare was found to be uninjured.

SCHOONER MARY E. SMITH SUNK.

Struck Rock Off Whitehead, N. S.—Crew Saved.

Halifax despatch: The Newfoundland schooner Mary E. Smith, Capt. Hardy, from Boston, bound for Sydney, C. B., in ballast, struck a sunken rock off Whitehead at 10 o'clock last night in a dense fog and heavy wind. The vessel came off the rock and sank half an hour afterwards in deep water. The captain and crew escaped in their boats, and made the automatic buoy through the night and from there succeeded in making land at 10 o'clock this morning. She was partly insured. A Newfoundland dog went down with the ship.

TREASURES FOR THE SURGEON.

Ward Family of Gladstone, Man, Revd in Broken Limbs.

Gladstone, Man., Sept. 30.—Geo. Ward was held on a charge of larceny from the ground and his right arm and leg broken. This is the fifth time he has had his legs broken. His father, James Ward, had three times had his leg broken, his son and both legs and an arm broken, and another son, Jim, has had an arm broken. The family came from the States seven years ago.

TOWNS SWEEP AWAY.

Great Destruction of Life and Property in Spain.

Madrid, Sept. 30.—Unprecedented rains in Andalusia caused immense destruction of life and property. The Guadalquivir River has been converted into a raging torrent three miles wide, and bridges, houses and even entire villages have been swept away.

POACHERS' NETS SEIZED.

Outfit Worth \$300 Confiscated by Essex Inspector.

Windsor, Ont., despatch: Seven hundred feet of what is known as "rimble net" was seized by Inspector Chauvin yesterday at the lower end of Crimble Island. The nets were the property of a Wiandotte, Mich., poacher named Clarke, and are valued at over \$300. The nets will be destroyed, their use being illegal on both sides of the river. This is the second seizure made by Inspector Chauvin within the past two weeks.

ONTARIO VEGETABLE CROPS.

Recent Rains Have Improved the Situation and Prospects Are Brighter.

The vegetable outlook in Ontario, as reported by the crop correspondents of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, is much better than it was last month. Most of the crops look fairly well, as the situation has been greatly improved by rains. The crops with most excellent quality. Tomatoes turned out a little better than was expected, but the crop on the whole has been very light; prices have been high. The onion crop will not be up to much; in some sections it will be fair; but in others the reports are discouraging. In the district around Scotland, where large quantities usually are grown, there will be only about two-thirds of a crop, and it is of fair quality. There has been an excellent crop of melons. Squash and cucumbers are scarce. Sweet corn is less

LUSITANIA BROKE ONE RECORD ON HER LATEST OCEAN TRIP.

But Slower Than on First Trip—Rough Weather, Poor Coal and Poor Stokers.

Queenstown, Sept. 30.—The Cunard Line steamer Lusitania, from New York September 21, arrived here at 3.56 a.m. today, the passage thus occupying 5 days 4 hours and 19 minutes, or 2 hours 25 minutes more than her outward run. The only record broken was that of the Lucia of the same line.

Sandy Hook lightship was passed at 6.37 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, and the Lusitania had covered 360 miles up to noon on Sunday, September 22. On Monday at noon the steamer had added 524 miles to her previous run. At noon on Tuesday she had covered 525 miles more. At noon on Wednesday she had made an additional run of 530 miles. At noon on Thursday she had 523 miles more to her credit, and at 3.56 a.m. today she had run 536 miles from noon yesterday to Dunt's Rock, making the total distance, 2,907 nautical miles, at an average speed of 22.38 per hour. The comparative slowness of the voyage cannot be attributed to fog. On only one day, Monday, was fog entered on the log, and the ship ran 524 miles that day, only six miles below her best day's work. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday a strong northeasterly wind, with a rough sea, was encountered. The American coal was said by the engineers not to have been so satisfactory as the coal used during the westward trip, and the stoke hole work was not altogether up to the proper mark. But the confidence of the engineer in the Lusitania's ability to beat all competitors when things are running smoothly is not diminished. The new liner behaved splendidly during the very heavy weather of the last three days of the trip and the passengers were lavish in their praise of the comfort which they enjoyed on board the vessel.

OUR JUVENILES.

PUNISHMENT FOR ADULTS WHO ENCOURAGE JUVENILE CRIME.

What J. J. Kelso Says About It—Men Responsible for Many Boys Committing Crime—Bill Dealing With the Matter Before the Government.

Speaking of juvenile delinquencies, Mr. J. J. Kelso, superintendent of neglected and dependent children of Ontario, says:

In nearly every case where boys commit crime it will be found on close investigation that there is some adult who is responsible. The child is punished, but the really responsible person goes free. Not long ago two boys were arrested for breaking into a store and stealing tobacco and cigars. They were placed in jail, and their guilt being clearly established, were committed to the reformatory. After the trial, however, the boys told how they had been bribed to commit the crime by a man who had received and disposed of the goods. The authorities were informed of this and the man was arrested and sent to the Central Prison for a year. The sentence of the boys was reversed, and they were allowed to return home under supervision, with the result that they have been doing well since that time. About a year ago a similar case was brought to my attention, in which a boy of fifteen was arrested for stealing a large quantity of goods from his employer. He was put up to do this by the really responsible person, who was given a sentence of imprisonment. Only a few days ago the magistrate at Toronto Junction committed a boy of ten to the reformatory for stealing, and is credited with the making of the remark: "If I could only send some of the parents to jail they might look after their children better."

MINERS' PRESIDENT ARRESTED.

Row at Meeting in Halleybury—Interfered With Police.

Cobalt, Ont., Sept. 30.—President McGuire, of the Cobalt Miners' Union, was last night locked up at Halleybury as a result of trying to conduct a union meeting there. When Organizer Roadhouse, who was with McGuire, started to speak in a vacant lot, a number of Halleybury's juveniles formed into a band and began vigorously blowing in horns, whistles and flutes.

GOULD HAS CONFESSED.

The Former Montreal Milliner a Cruel Murderer.

Monte Carlo, Sept. 30.—Yere St. Leger Gould, who lived for some time in Montreal, and carried on a millinery business there, has written to a local judge confessing that he and his wife, Violet, murdered Emma Levin, whose dismembered body was found in their baggage, August 6th, at Marseilles. They robbed the woman after knocking her unconscious, and when she screamed they killed her.

THE TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE.

New York Local Wants Leased Wire Operators Called Out.

New York, Sept. 30.—The New York local of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union voted tonight to call out all leased wire operators employed by the press and brokers' offices in this city if such action shall be sanctioned by the national officers. Action by the national officers will be awaited before anything further will be done.

MULLOY FOR OXFORD.

Blind Trooper to Take Post-Graduate Course in English Literature.

Montreal, Sept. 30.—Blind Trooper Mulloy left today for Oxford, where he will pursue a post-graduate course. It has been suggested in influential quarters here that a portion of the balance still remaining of the Canadian patriotic fund could very properly be appropriated towards paying the cost of the three years' post-graduate course which Mr. Mulloy intends taking at Oxford.

TROLLEY CAR FOR WOMEN.

Device Planned That Would Make Them Get Off Correctly.

Buffalo, Sept. 30.—If women will persist in getting off street cars backward—facing the rear instead of the front—why, mechanical means of heading them the other way must be adopted, that's all.

Many a man has felt cold shivers, even on a summer day, through witnessing the accident-inviting method of women leaving the car. Now, and then they have seen one thrown from her balance by a sudden start of the car, flung more or less heavily to the street. But now a man of Columbus, Ohio, proposes to make women alight as they should; he has been worried so long by their actions that he set his wits to work to devise a remedy. The remedy presents to them much the same proposition as causing the rabbit to climb a tree—it's against their nature, but they just have to do it. When the inventive Columbus man had perfected his face-to-the-front device, he took it to the officials of the railroad company in that city. After looking the thing over they concluded that it might do; that is, if anything would. Of the last they were not entirely hopeful, but they concluded to try the proposed plan. So they equipped one of the open summer cars with the device and sent it on its experimenting way. Something really ought to be done, the officials acknowledged, as the habit of alighting backward, they say, is responsible for more accidents than all other causes. If the new device is successful, it will be placed on all the cars. It is a very simple one. The car now equipped is a summer car, open at the sides. Formerly a passenger on leaving the car, found two hand holds—one on either side of the exit—as she left. Both are still there, but only one—that on her left—is available. That on her right is covered by a shield so that it cannot be grasped by anyone from that side. On the other side of the car the same arrangement of the hand hold and sheaves is made, except that it is reversed. "The custom of holding the skirts with the left hand is responsible for the habit of getting off backward," said Claim Agent B. B. Davis, of the company. "Holding her skirts in her left hand, the lady must use her right hand in steadying herself as she alights. 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